Grammar in context 1

Comparatives and superlatives

1 ☆ **Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative.**

1 That's *more boring/the most boring* programme I've seen in a long time!
2 I saw two horror films this weekend, but the second one was much *scarier/scariest* than the first one.
3 José's *more fluent/the most fluent* speaker in our English class.
4 You'll have a *faster/fastest* connection with this mobile device.
5 I didn't like that film. It was *more violent/most violent* than I expected.
6 Chris Hemsworth is one of *the bigger/the biggest* film stars in the world today.

2 ☆☆ **Complete the text with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives given. Add *than* where necessary.**

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Cinema records

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For a lot of us, there aren't many things **(a)** _____ (enjoyable) seeing a good film. But do you know what **(b)** _____ (long) film ever is? It's an experimental film called *Logistics*. It lasts for nearly 36 days and it's about how they make pedometers. Has anyone ever had a **(c)** _____ (strange) idea for a film? Possibly not!

The film *Cinématon* is **(d)** _____ (short) *Logistics* but it's **(e)** _____ (long) most films. It lasts 151 hours and contains short scenes of celebrities and some of **(f)** _____ (close) friends of the director.

When we see a good film, usually **(g)** _____ (memorable) part is the acting. But who is **(h)** _____ (successful) actor ever? Possibly it's Meryl Streep. She's received more than 20 Oscar nominations! Do you know what her **(i)** _____ (late) film is? **(j)** _____ (young) actor to receive an Oscar is Tatum O'Neal. She was only 10 when she won in 1974. So she was probably **(k)** _____ (young) you are now!

Modifying comparatives

3 ☆☆ **Complete the sentences using one of the two modifying expressions and the comparative form of the adjective given.**

1 *Pong*, one of the first video games, was very simple but *Fortnite Battle Royale* is very complex. *Fortnite Battle Royale* is _____ (*a lot / a bit* difficult).
2 The Walt Disney Studios in the US occupy an area of 21 hectares but the Ramoji Film City in India occupies 674 hectares. The Ramoji Film City is _____ (*slightly / much* big).
3 The actor Dwayne Johnson ('The Rock') has a fortune of $300 million but Will Smith has $350 million. Will Smith is _____ (*a bit / far* rich).
4 3.57 billion viewers saw the 2018 FIFA® World Cup in Russia, but 3.6 billion viewers saw the 2016 Olympics® in Rio. The Olympics were _____ (*far / slightly* popular).
5 The first TV channel appeared in 1928 but the first streaming service started in 1995. The first TV channel is _____ (*a lot / slightly* old).
6 There are 50 actors in the film *Captain Marvel*, but 99 in *Avengers: Endgame*. The number of actors in *Avengers: Endgame* is _____ (*much / a bit* high).

less ... than, (not) as ... as

4 ☆☆ **Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Do not change the meaning.**

1 Video games are more interesting than films. (less)
Watching films _____
2 Science-fiction series are more gripping than comedies. (as)
Comedies _____
3 Dramas aren't as informative as documentaries. (less)
Dramas _____
4 Comedies are less violent than crime series. (as)
Comedies _____
5 Sometimes the news is as moving as a drama. (less)
Sometimes the news _____

Grammar challenge ☆☆☆

5 **There is a word missing in each sentence. Write an appropriate word in the correct place.**

1 Watching sports live is more exciting watching it on TV.
2 *The X Factor* is popular than any other talent show.
3 What's scariest film you've seen?
4 I thought the film was 90 minutes long but it lasted 3 hours! It was longer than I expected.
5 Your smart phone cost £120 but mine cost £130. Mine is more expensive.
6 This is the most exciting film I ever seen.

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